



**GRANT RECIPIENT**  
PORTAGE PARKS  
DEPARTMENT

**YEAR**  
2007

**COUNTY**  
PORTER

**CATEGORY**  
LOW COST CONSTRUCTION

**GRANT AWARD**  
\$100,000

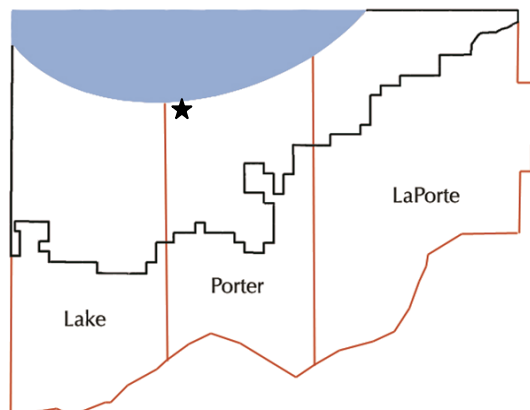
**LOCAL SHARE**  
\$308,000



## Little Calumet River Restoration Area

There are a number of environmental and societal factors that have combined to place increasing demands on waterways in Northwest Indiana, including the Little Calumet River. As a result, the Little Calumet River Restoration Project concentrated on habitat restoration on ten acres adjacent to the river. The main focus of the project included upland forest enhancement, floodplain forest enhancement and the development of a long term management plan for the property. Over 70% of the budget was spent on removal of exotic / invasive species and the replacement of them with native species in the tree, vine, shrub and herbaceous layers within the project area.

Additionally, native floodplain forest species were planted at a rate of 200 seedlings per acre and wetlands were enhanced by creating shallow scrapes, reseeding and installing wetland plugs. The development of additional wood chip trails for nature appreciation is an auxiliary benefit to the project. The result is a restoration that not only improves habitat conditions but allows public access as well.



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